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how many?

Death toll surges
as Japan uncovers scope
of unrelenting crisis **6-7**

A woman stands Sunday in Miyagi
prefecture, where officials estimate
at least 10,000 people died.

GETTY IMAGES

Illini put on dancing shoes **12**

Funny businesses expanding **19**

Look out boys, here comes Biel **36**

best bets

By Jessica Gallart
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For SXSW absentees

FREE *The Whistler*, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave.
773-227-3530

Laugh at the expense of tech nerds at NEDTalks: Spreading Worthless Ideas, a parody of the TEDTalks technology conferences. Local funny people Kellen Alexander and Seth Dodson of "1, 2, 3, Fag!" host, with speeches, PowerPoint presentations, shoebox dioramas and more. 9 p.m.

For curious crafters

FREE *Hermes*, 25 E. Oak St. 312-787-8175

See the handiwork and detail that goes into the scarf you just purchased at the Hermes Festival of Crafts. Artisans from the Hermes workshop in Paris stop through Chicago on a three-city tour to demonstrate leather-making, silk engraving and jewelry-making. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

For mac maniacs

Rockit Bar & Grill, 22 W. Hubbard St.
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Embrace your cheesy side with the River North hot spot's Mac Madness, a weeklong homage to macaroni and cheese, featuring a different take on the dish every day. Monday: Hog-A-Roni & Cheese, with braised pork belly, bacon, barbecue baked beans and smoked Gouda. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m. \$14.

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For bingo believers

Hamburger Mary's, 5400 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969

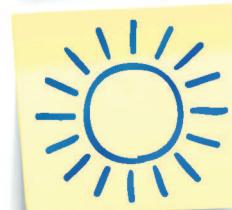
Press your Chi-rish luck at Hambingo night, hosted by drag diva Velicity Metropolis, benefiting a different charity every week. Sip on \$5 Sauza margaritas throughout the sometimes-risque show and game night, as you lie in wait for Velicity to call out B4. This week's beneficiary: eco-Andersonville. 8 p.m. \$5 donation.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

We sure showed those clouds



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SLICE OF LIFE

All this pi talk got us thinking about actual pie. Here are a few facts about the edible delight from guinnessworldrecords.com. REDEYE

Largest pumpkin pie

New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers created the world's largest pumpkin pie in 2005 in Ohio. It weighed in at 2,020 pounds and was more than 12 feet long.

Largest potato pie

Peru's pie-related claim to fame: It hosted the largest potato pie ever made. A whopper weighing 11,858 pounds was displayed in the main square in Callao in 2004.

Largest cheese pie

Imagine 950 pounds of cheese pie. Now double that. That'll give you the world record for cheese pie, a prize held by students in Thessalonica, Greece, who created a 1,900-pound version of the dish in 2009.

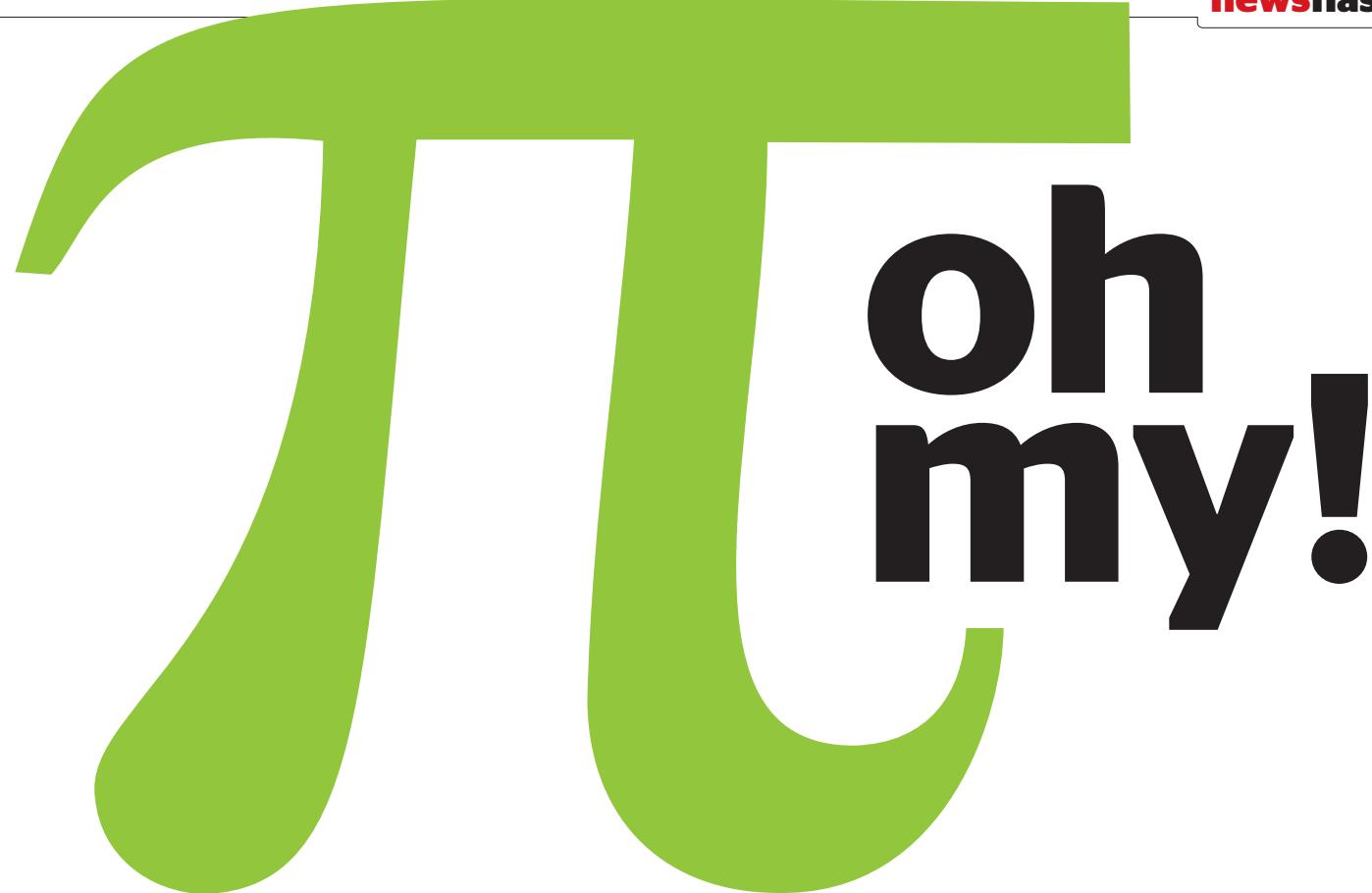
Biggest pie fight

Participants in a 2010 custard pie fight in New Jersey secured the record for largest pie fight when they registered 671 participants at the Lawrenceville School there.

Most custard pies thrown by two teams of 10

Gotta give 'em credit for specificity. The record for largest custard pie fight with two teams of 10 goes to participants in Bolton, U.K., who threw 3,320 pies in three minutes.

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Mathletes unite for celebration of that special number

Chicago Tribune

Monday is Pi Day—a day to celebrate a number with desserts, numerical recitations and hot-dog throwing.

Pi, the number that expresses the ratio of a circle's circumference over its diameter, was first calculated in ancient times and sometimes is called Archimedes' Constant, for an ancient Greek mathematician who calculated an approximate value for the number. It's a number with no endpoint, although its digits start with 3.14159. Thus, March 14, or 3/14, for Pi Day.

The first Pi Day was celebrated in 1989 at the San Francisco Exploratorium, whose staff celebrates most years by walking in a circle around a "Pi shrine" a little more than three times.

And these days, the celebration has spread

around the world, and math teachers, students and other self-proclaimed math fans amused or intrigued by Pi celebrate the number.

At Morgan Park Academy, a pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade school on the Southwest Side, every one of the six math teachers, along with teachers in the lower grades, will focus on Pi in class, said math team leader James Kowalsky. Kowalsky in the past has had students cut cardboard circles multiple times to fit them into squares, which allows students to calculate the area of the circles without using Pi.

In an after-school Pi event at Payton College Prep, students will throw hot dogs on a floor marked with evenly spaced parallel lines. Why? Because the proportion of hot dogs that cross the lines when they fall works out to be approxi-

mately 1 over Pi, said Payton mathematics chairman Paul J. Karafiol.

One highlight of many Pi Day events is a competitive recitation of the numerous digits of Pi, which modern computers have calculated to a trillion decimal places. At Morgan Park Academy, the record is 312 digits. The DuPage Science Fiction Society has had someone recite more than 100 digits, and a Payton student who's now at Yale University remembered a mind-blowing 500 digits.

But those unacquainted with Pi might be more drawn to what's usually a big feature of the number's celebration: pie.

The DuPage group was holding its Pi Day at a Bakers Square pie house Sunday. Morgan Park Academy students bring in pies to share at lunchtime. And at Payton, with each digit of Pi that a student's able to recite beyond the first few, their piece of pie gets a little bigger—by one degree, measured with a protractor, Karafiol said.



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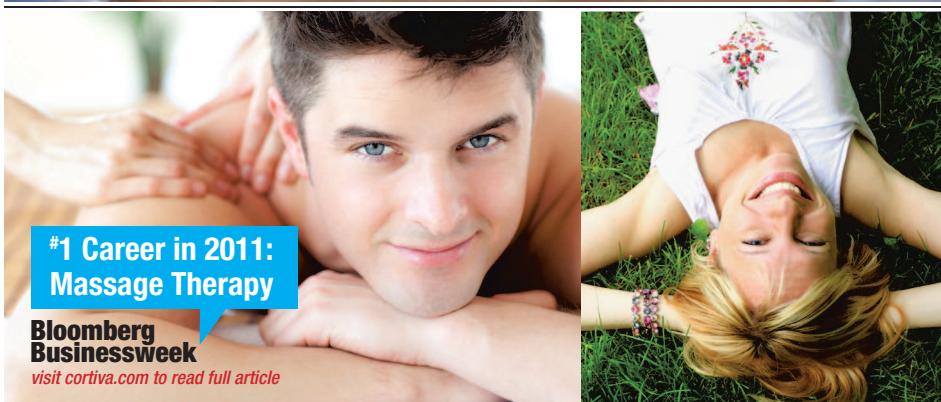
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You don't want a paycheck, do you?

I find it strange that people of my particular left-of-center political persuasion see nothing strange about supporting public unions in the battles of Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio, while frequenting The Huffington Post.

HuffPo made major news recently when founder Arianna Huffington sold her baby for \$315 million, and it made almost no news when contributing writers from the websites ArtScene and Visual Art Source declared they were going on strike because the vast majority of the site's contributors go uncompensated.

"The idea of going on strike when no one really notices," Huffington said at PaidContent's 2011 Conference, according to thewrap.com. "Go ahead, go on strike."

As much as I sympathize with HuffPo's Fox News-bashing content, I have to point out that Huffington has pretty much stapled her picture beside the dictionary definition of the word "hypocrisy."

As a guest on everything from Bill Maher's show to NPR's "Intelligence Squared," she makes this fabulous critique of American capitalism while cultivating a substantial fortune by using the exact same techniques as McDonald's, Wal-Mart or any neighborhood kingpin drug dealer: She exploits a vast pool of cheap—or in her case, utterly free—labor. The acquisition of HuffPo also is the catalyst for the recent layoffs of 900 employees at AOL, The Associated Press reports.

But Huffington is exactly right when she says that there are plenty of writers willing to take the place of those who quit or try to strike. For writers—those established and especially those fresh out of college, starry-eyed and ready to take on the world—our human capital has never been lower.

Huffington has made a name for herself decrying the hollowing out of the middle class in her book "Third World America," yet the writers she finds so completely replaceable are the same working and middle class for which she espouses so much sympathy. Take it from me: There is no money in writing anymore. I'm probably in the top 10 percent of places young writers would like to be—published book, a column in RedEye—and let's just say I'm a frequenter of the Ramen noodles aisle at the grocery. Yet I know there are hordes of writers out there who would kick my kidneys in for the chance to have their name and picture next to a column in one of the most widely circulated Chicago newspapers.

So when she says, in effect, "Go ahead and strike, there are people to replace you," she's totally right. She has designed the perfect capitalist business structure because there is no bloggers' union. There is no organization that tells young writers that exposure on a mass scale will not allow them to quit a job at Potbelly Sandwich Shop.

And as the jobs young people take on become more untethered and diffuse—web design, advertising, graphic design—the less power they will have to organize and negotiate the terms of their compensation.

We have entered the age of permanent, benefits-free freelancing, and savvy entrepreneurs such as Huffington see how they can use this new model to enrich themselves.



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WHAT'S NEXT?

NUCLEAR MELTDOWN FEARED AS JAPAN AIDS QUAKE VICTIMS

Los Angeles Times

SENDAI, Japan Japanese authorities say thousands may have died in the massive earthquake and tsunami that left many survivors stranded or shivering in makeshift evacuation centers that were running low on supplies Monday.

In Miyagi, one of the three hardest-hit prefectures, at least 10,000 were killed, police spokesman Go Sugawara told The Associated Press late Sunday. Only 400 people had been confirmed dead in Miyagi, which has a population of 2.3 million.

Elsewhere, about 1,800 people were confirmed dead Sunday—including 200 bodies found along the coast, according to the AP. About 1,900 were injured and more than 1,400 were missing late Sunday.

More than 500,000 people have been forced to flee from quake- and tsunami-affected regions, Kyodo News reported.

TV reports showed hundreds of thousands of hungry survivors huddled in darkened emergency centers, cut off from rescuers, aid and electricity. At least 1.4 million households had gone without water since the quake struck and some 1.9 million households were without electricity, Kyodo reported.

"We have no choice but to deal with the situation on the premise that [the death toll] will undoubtedly be numbered in the ten thousands," Naoto Takeuchi, head of the Miyagi prefectural police, told a Kyodo reporter during a local disaster task force meeting.



There were some dramatic rescues of tsunami survivors Sunday, including a 60-year-old man who had been waiting for help since he was swept out to sea Friday.

Hiromitsu Shinkawa was spotted by rescuers at 12:40 p.m. local time nine miles off shore by the crew of a Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force destroyer, according to Jiji Press.

Shinkawa, from the devastated city of Minamisoma, was conscious and in "good condition" after the rescue, Japanese officials said.

"I ran away after learning that the tsunami was coming," Shinkawa told rescuers, according to Jiji Press. "But I turned back to pick up something at home, when I was washed away. I was rescued while I was hanging to the roof from my house."

Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan told reporters Sunday that his country was facing its most difficult challenge since World War II and called on his people to unite in the face of a devastating earthquake and tsunami and potential nuclear crisis.

"This is the toughest crisis in Japan's 65 years of postwar history," Kan said during a televised news conference. "I'm convinced

DISASTER TIMELINE

Here's a look at the devastating earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan on Friday and subsequent worries over damage at nuclear power plants. All times and dates are local Japanese time. **CNN**

FRIDAY

2:46 p.m.
Magnitude 8.9 earthquake strikes 231 miles from Tokyo.

8:15 p.m.
Japanese government declares emergency for nuclear power plant near Sendai, 180 miles from Tokyo.



10:29 p.m.
Cooling systems at Fukushima nuclear plant are reported not working, prompting evacuations.

SATURDAY

11:53 p.m.
A fire at Onagawa nuclear plant is extinguished.

2:06 a.m.
Radiation level in Fukushima nuclear power plant reported rising.

4:21 a.m.
6.2 magnitude earthquake hits Nagano and Niigata prefectures.





LEFT: A man walks past mountains of debris in Minamisanrikucho, Miyagi prefecture in northern Japan. **REUTERS PHOTOS**



ABOVE: A girl who has been isolated at a makeshift facility to screen, cleanse and isolate people with high radiation levels, looks at her dog through a window Monday.

BELLOW: A woman is given first aid at a Japanese Red Cross hospital after being rescued.

that we can overcome the crisis."

While search-and-rescue teams struggled to reach battered parts of the northeast obstructed by mud and debris, new fears emerged over a meltdown at Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s Fukushima nuclear complex and trouble at two other nuclear plants.

Kyodo News Agency was reporting early Monday that a cooling system pump had stopped at the

Tokai No. 2 nuclear power plant in Ibaraki prefecture operated by Japan Atomic Power Company. The same issue sparked the problems that have befallen the Fukushima reactors.

U.N. nuclear watchdog officials said Japanese authorities had notified them of an emergency at another plant farther north, at Onagawa. But Japan's nuclear safety agency denied problems at the Onagawa plant, run by Tohoku Electric Power

Co., noting that radioactive releases from the Fukushima Daiichi complex had been detected at Onagawa, but that they were within safe levels.

Workers at Fukushima used seawater Sunday in a desperate attempt to cool down three damaged nuclear reactors. One of the reactors lost its outer shell in a hydrogen blast Saturday and another was under threat of doing the same, said the country's chief Cabinet secretary, Yukio Edano.

5:56 a.m.
Another earthquake—one of a series over the past 24 hours—hits west coast of Honshu. The quake had a strength of 6.3 magnitude.

9:45 a.m.
Cooling systems at three of the four units at Fukushima plant fail.

4:19 p.m.
A small amount of radioactive Cesium escapes from Fukushima plant.



10:35 p.m.
Radiation levels at the Fukushima plant are reported to have fallen.

SUNDAY

3:20 a.m.
Three people (selected at random out of 90) test positive for radiation exposure in Fukushima prefecture. **REUTERS PHOTO**

5:37 a.m.
There is news that Japanese authorities have informed the International Atomic Energy Agency that the explosion at the Fukushima plant occurred outside the primary containment vessel.

Monday morning ...
Another explosion occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi's No. 3 nuclear reactor building, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano confirmed.



Historic quake

The earthquake that shook Japan, an 8.9 magnitude, is among the most powerful in the history of the world.

Largest magnitude quakes

JAPAN

Date	Magnitude
2011	8.9
1896	8.5
1993	8.4
2003	8.3
1944	8.1
1946	8.1

WORLDWIDE

Date	Magnitude	Location
1960	9.5	Chile
1964	9.2	Alaska
2004	9.1	Sumatra
1952	9.0	Russia
1868*	9.0	Peru
1700*	9.0	North America
2011	8.9	Japan
2010	8.8	Chile

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Pop culture response

Numerous U.S. rescue and assistance teams arrived Sunday in Japan and are helping lead a broad international effort to bring relief to areas ravaged by Friday's earthquake and tsunami. Back in the States, famous faces weighed in with ways to help. **REDEYE, CNN**

LADY GAGA

On Sunday, the singer had a bracelet for sale on her website. The white band is covered with the words "We pray for Japan" and two clawing hands. According to the site, it costs \$5 and buyers can add an additional amount with all proceeds going "directly to Japan relief efforts."

CHARLIE SHEEN

The beleaguered former "Two and a Half Men" star announced on his official site that \$1 from every ticket to his recently announced live stage show will go to the "Red Cross Japanese Earthquake Relief Fund."

OTHER CELEBRITIES

From Katy Perry to Diddy to Conan O'Brien to Chris Brown, celebrities on Twitter urged their followers Sunday to donate money to the Red Cross relief efforts in Japan and the Pacific. To donate \$10, text **REDCROSS** to **90999**.



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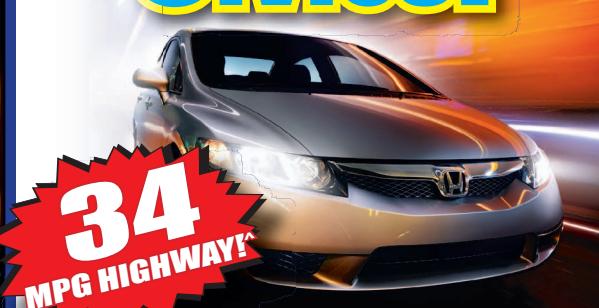
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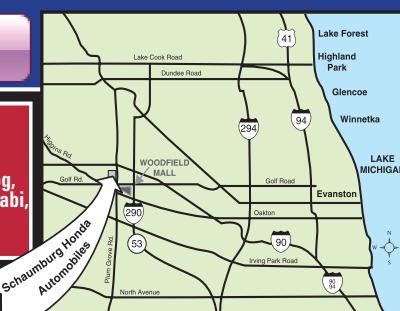
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The sharp S-curve at Oak Street is one of many traffic issues that needs to be addressed in a North Lake Shore Drive reconstruction project, according to transportation officials. E.JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE



Building a new LSD

Revamping North Lake Shore Drive would be a big project—with big headaches

Chicago Tribune

It's a major commuter route that also is a scenic lakefront drive passing beautiful beaches, world-famous parks and delicate natural habitats.

Few Chicago roadways are as vital to the city from historical, aesthetic, environmental and, yes, transportation perspectives as Lake Shore Drive.

All that adds up to make the future reconstruction of North Lake Shore Drive, and still-evolving concepts to expand and improve the surrounding public spaces, both important and extremely challenging to get right.

North Lake Shore Drive, which was resurfaced last year only between Irving Park Road and Belmont Avenue, desperately needs a full-scale overhaul, starting with replacing pavement

that has deteriorated down to the base, officials said. But the problems run deeper, they said.

Outmoded traffic designs such as the sharp S-curve at Oak Street are a contributing cause of accidents, officials said.

Engineering improvements also are needed at chronically congested exits such as Belmont and Hollywood Avenue, where the Drive ends and traffic often backs up, and at numerous exit ramps where motorists and bicyclists cross paths, officials said.

Those are just some of the issues that the Chicago Department of Transportation, the Chicago Park District and other government as well as private agencies have identified. CDOT officials are interviewing prospective consultants for a North Lake Shore Drive reconstruction project

running more than seven miles from Hollywood to about Grand Avenue in the downtown area.

In addition to better lighting and replacing overgrown vegetation, the experts also plan to study ideas that surely will be controversial, such as consolidating some North Lake Shore Drive entrances and exits, possibly including those at Lawrence, Wilson and Montrose avenues.

Expanding green space and creating safer, easier and more eye-pleasing access points to the lakeshore for pedestrians, cyclists and other recreational users will be a major focus too, the officials said. In addition to new tunnels for bicyclists and pedestrians, improved access for CTA buses will be examined with the goal of reducing car traffic and the need for sprawling parking lots at beaches and parks.



"It is very emotional when you think, 22 years as mayor, and all the various parades and celebrations in the city, it really brings out the best."

—OUTGOING MAYOR DALEY, SPEAKING SATURDAY AT THE ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE THAT HIS FATHER INAUGURATED IN 1956

Wade awarded sole custody

NBA star Dwyane Wade was awarded sole custody of his two young sons after a bitter battle with his ex-wife, lawyers in the case said Sunday. Cook County Circuit Judge Renee Goldfarb issued a 102-page ruling late Friday.

Search issued for missing girls

Chicago police issued an alert Sunday for two South Side sisters who have been missing since Thursday. Police believe Daniqua West, 13, and Dernesha West, 15, may be hanging out near 103rd and Halsted streets. If seen, call 911 or 312-747-8385.

Fire damages several homes

Several homes were damaged by a multi-alarm fire early Sunday in Englewood, officials said. At about 1 a.m., a fire broke out in the 6100 block of South Peoria Street. It was out within the hour and no one was injured.

Man accused of abusing baby

A Chicago man is charged with abusing an 11-month-old baby, causing a "devastating brain injury" that robbed the boy of his ability to see or walk, Cook County prosecutors said at a hearing Sunday.

Local firm wins for Allstate ads

Allstate's "mayhem" ad campaign won Best of Show at the Chicago ADDY awards last week, the first such awards given out here in about a decade. The campaign was created by Leo Burnett in Chicago, Northbrook-based Allstate's creative agency since 1957.

TRIBUNE

**V is for victory**

1 An anti-government protester flashes victory signs Sunday at a military helicopter hovering over Manama, Bahrain, as clashes spread through the Gulf state's business district. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS**

**Cross road**

2 French cyclist Remi Pauriol (left) leads a breakaway Sunday during the final stage of the Paris-Nice bike race. Germany's Tony Martin went on to win the eight-stage race.

**A horse? Of course**

3 A model wears a creation from Portuguese designer Alexandra Moura during a fashion show Saturday in Lisbon, Portugal.

Stories differ on what caused fatal bus crash

4 **NEW YORK** Police are investigating a bus driver's hit-and-run claim after a horrific crash that killed 14 passengers and injured 18 others, officials said Sunday.

State police said the driver, Ophadel E. Williams, 41, of Brooklyn, told authorities he was clipped by a tractor trailer before his bus swerved on Interstate 95 in New York City and toppled onto a support pole for a highway sign.

The pole sliced the bus in half along the windows, peeling off the vehicle's rooftop.

The bus was transporting passengers from the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut to New York's Chinatown. None of the 32 people on board escaped death or injury in the crash, which occurred about 5:30 a.m. EST Saturday.

The speed limit posted in that area is 55 mph and State Police Maj. Michael Kopy said: "We have a number of reports saying the driver was operating southbound at a high speed."

There has been no confirmation that the bus was hit by another vehicle that drove off, Kopy said, but he added that the investigation is proceeding.

"It appears the operator lost control of the vehicle for what is at yet an undetermined reason," Kopy said. "Right now we're conducting, at this point, a criminal investigation."



Officials examine the scene of Saturday morning's fatal bus crash in New York City. **GETTY IMAGES**

State police have questioned Williams and a truck driver believed to be near the bus when the crash happened, he said.

Kopy said police have seized both drivers' vehicles and will analyze them to see if contact was in fact made.

The National Transportation Safety Board also is investigating the crash.

Surveillance video from inside the bus also is in police possession and will be reviewed during the investigation, Kopy said.

Hikers' trial moved to May

5 The trial of American hikers charged with espionage in Iran will resume May 11, the state-run Islamic Republic News Agency reported Sunday, citing the head of the Justice Ministry.

TV: Government strong in Libya

6 The Libyan government is certain of victory and will "bury" rebels fighting against Moammar Gadhafi's four-decade long rule, state television said Sunday.

Spokesman out after remark

7 U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley resigned Sunday after reports that he labeled as "stupid" and "ridiculous" the Pentagon's treatment of a U.S. soldier accused of leaking secret documents that appeared on the WikiLeaks website.

Durbin: Tap oil reserves

8 President Obama should tap the country's strategic oil reserve to combat rising fuel prices, Illinois' Dick Durbin, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, said Sunday, adding that gas price hikes could hurt the economy's recovery.



THE DIGIT

\$42 million

With little cash, the developers at Finland's Rovio Mobile created the wildly popular Angry Birds game. Now they have \$42 million in venture capital to throw at expanding their "mean pigs, cranky birds" empire. The funding was announced last week.



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MADNESS RULES

Selection Sunday is like Christmas in March—and Whizzer loves opening his presents

By Whizzer | REDEYE

Selection Sunday might as well be Sensory Overload Sunday for a prognosticator such as myself. Every team, matchup, potential upset and Cinderella story sends my mind reeling.

Not to mention so many underdogs—and Bulldogs—and so little time. It's heaven.

Especially if—and that's a big if; as big as my belly—you know what you're doing.

With that said, there are some hard-and-fast rules I live by when picking my bracket. I also fall back on tried-and-true research and gut feelings. And like I said, my gut is big so I have a lot of gut feelings.

So without further ado, here now, my picks. Some of them, at least. If I included all of them, I'd own all 36 pages of this newspaper.

SWEET 16



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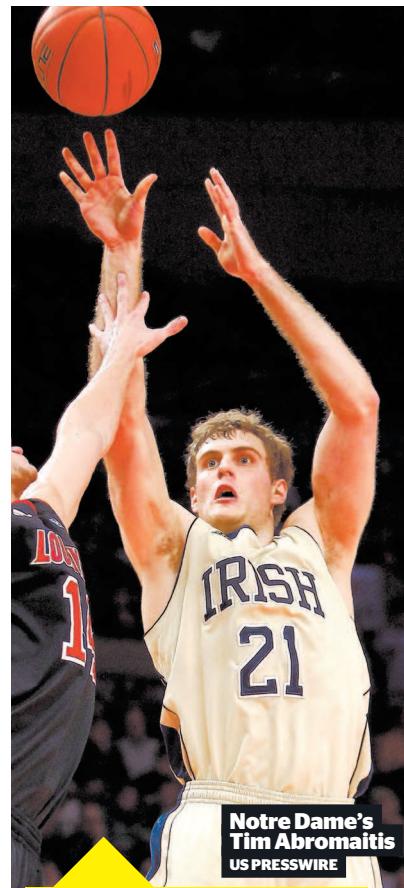
THE 12 OVER THE 5 RULE

It happens every tourney. This year, I'm taking No. 12 Memphis over No. 5 Arizona. Let's be honest, we all know they don't play real basketball out West.



THE 12 OVER THE 5 RULE





NO LUCK OF THE IRISH

Following in the tradition of the Notre Dame football team, the basketball team finds a way to flounder in the tourney. Book it.

SPARTAN SUCCESS

No matter how good or bad they are, Tom Izzo (center) seems to always get the Spartans to the Sweet 16. They'll do it again, upsetting UCLA and Florida.

Buckeyes' Big Ten tourney title makes them No. 1

The seeds have sprouted.

Ohio State, Kansas, Pittsburgh and defending champion Duke were named top seeds for the NCAA Tournament on Sunday.

Ohio State (32-2) is the top overall seed after winning the Big Ten Tournament for the second straight year.

Kansas, which went 32-2 and captured the Big 12 Tournament title, claimed a No. 1 regional seed for the fourth time in five years. Pittsburgh (27-5) is a top seed for the second time in three years.

"I'm happy Ohio State is the overall No. 1 seed. We had that tag on us last year and didn't play very well," said Kansas coach Bill Self, whose team lost in the second round to Northern Iowa last year. BLOOMBERG

Illinois carries torch for state teams

Chicago Tribune

Someone on the NCAA Tournament selection committee knows how to push the buttons of Illinois fans.



Weber

Unlike a year ago, the Illini made the tournament—as a No. 9 seed in the Southwest region—but in its seeding, the committee set up the possibility that the Illini's first two games would be against the two men who preceded current coach Bruce Weber.

"I'm sure CBS appreciates it," Weber said.

On Friday, the Illini will face No. 8 seed UNLV and coach Lon Kruger, who was Illinois' coach from 1996-2000. Looming in the second round is a potential matchup against Kansas and coach Bill Self, who guided the Illini from 2000-03, then left to take the Jayhawks job, leading to Weber's arrival in Champaign from Southern Illinois.

"I think they always look for little story lines to add to the drama of March Madness," Weber said. "I'm sure they don't take that much time to find them all, but when they pop up there and there's an opportunity, I'm sure it's something that they feel adds to the excitement."

Northwestern to host opening-round NIT game

It turns out Northwestern did not need to sweat out an NIT bid, as some analysts figured.

The Wildcats (18-13) made it into the NIT as a No. 4 seed and will host Wisconsin-Milwaukee (19-13), which lost to Butler in the finals of the Horizon League Tournament.

The game will be played at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

WATCH NCAA Tourna- ment: First Four

5:30 p.m.
Tuesday and
Wednesday,
TruTV

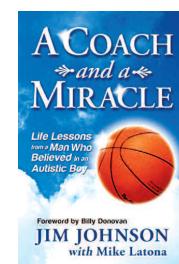
Now that the tourney has expanded to 68 teams, there are a few more games to watch. The action kicks off with this game from Dayton, Ohio. Don't expect to see big guns like Duke or Ohio State here, though.

starting five

The to-do list for sports fans this week.
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READ 'A Coach and a Miracle'

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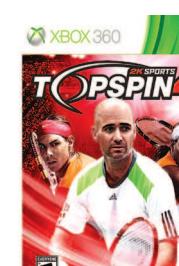


Foreword by Billy Donovan
JIM JOHNSON
with Mike Latona

in a game, tying a school record. This is the story behind McElwain and his coach, Jim Johnson. Have tissues handy.

PLAY 'Top Spin 4,' Wii, PS3, Xbox 360

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Satisfy your Serena Williams obsession by playing as her while she recuperates from her recent real-life injuries.

WATCH Blackhawks at Dallas

7:30 p.m.
Thursday, CSN

If the Hawks want to make the playoffs, a win against the Stars, goalie Marty Turco's (above) former team, is a good idea. The Stars are battling the Hawks for the West's No. 4 playoff seed.

ATTEND Rush vs. Philadelphia

7 p.m. Friday, Allstate Arena

The NFL might have locked out its players, but Arena League football is in full swing. The Rush are led by returning starting quarterback Russ Michna, out of Western Illinois.



five on five

Super sub

We'd sure like to have your smiling face on this panel soon, so why don't you audition at redeyechicago.com/sports?



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1 What unique name would you call your online NCAA tournament bracket?	"My Violent Torpedo of Non-Truths and Guesstimates."	"Hoops, I Blew It Again."	"Spain Train to Victory."	I had Watson do mine so I call it "Money in the Bank."	"Bosh Madness." We all cry when we go 4-for-16 on the first day.
2 How do you plan to keep up with March Madness?	I'll be glued to the TV, which means there will only be a layer of Gorilla Glue between my cornea and an LCD.	In case I get sleepy, my shot clock has a snooze button.	Four TVs, a case of Diet Coke, a case of Flying Dog and Edwardo's on speed dial.	RSS feeds, Twitter and Tmblr. Going full nerd on this one.	By rooting for Ohio State. This way I can get some sweet memorabilia.
3 What's not to like about the NCAA tournament?	That Bill Raftery has to call games and then go to the bar and not the other way around.	The answer is, has always been, and will always be Duke.	No Cornell Big Red this year.	That they insist it won't work for football.	There shouldn't be a playoff system. Just one game to decide the title—signed, the BCS.
4 The Blackhawks' fight for the playoffs is like a taping of "Maury," as are all fights that involve Nashville, Calgary and Phoenix.	... the plot of a "Mighty Ducks" movie.	... 15 Ice Crew members fighting for room in a 12-month calendar.	... watching a bunch of hobos fight for a chicken wing.	... a night out with Kaner. Thrilling and exciting, but can be a letdown with the lack of scoring.
5 What was it like having the 1990-91 Bulls back together for Saturday's celebration?	It was a pleasant reminder that Will Perdue was an NBA center.	Nice, but they can't really keep up with today's groupies. Pippen ain't easy.	Like a high school reunion: Most of the jocks got fat.	Like seeing an old girlfriend you once had some good times with.	Lots of memories. No B.J. though. That was the case for me back in '91 as well.

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The day's news from Cubs and White Sox Spring Training.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

» Cubs 4, L.A. Dodgers

3 (10 innings): Carlos Zambrano allowed one run over five innings in Las Vegas, where Jeff Baker's RBI single in the 10th gave the Cubs the win.

» Cubs 7, Arizona

5: Braden Looper pitched well in a 3-2/3-inning stint in a win over the D'Backs, allowing one run on five hits with two strikeouts.

» White Sox 6, L.A.

Dodgers 1: John Danks shattered his share of bats in five innings. Left-hander Will Ohman allowed two hits to right-handed hitters in the seventh, including an RBI double to Justin Sellers.

MONDAY'S GAMES

» Cubs at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.

» White Sox vs. San Diego, 3:05 p.m. CSN

MOUTHWATCH

"He's not only one of the best of the Cubans, he's considered one of the best in the league right now."

—Omar Vizquel on White Sox teammate and shortstop Alexei Ramirez

SPORTS BRIEFS

» The international basketball federation has cleared Britain's men's and women's teams to compete in the 2012 London Olympics without qualifying. The British men's team could feature Bulls forward Luol Deng and former Bull Ben Gordon.

» The trio of Chicagoan Shani Davis, Trevor Marsicano and Jonathan Kuck combined Sunday in Inzell, Germany, to give the U.S. its first gold medal in team pursuit at the long track speedskating World Single Distances Championship.

WASHINGTON 4, BLACKHAWKS 3 (OT)



shortstops

from news services

Jonathan Toews celebrates with Marian Hossa after scoring a tying goal Sunday.
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Point taken?

D.C. visit partly productive, but Toews isn't satisfied

WASHINGTON About the only time the Blackhawks wouldn't be thrilled with grabbing a point in a game that appeared all but lost is when it's this late in the season and they're this bunched up with Western Conference opponents.

When Jonathan Toews poked the puck past goaltender Braden Holtby with 38.5 seconds remaining in Sunday's game against Washington to send the game into overtime, the Hawks had gained a big point in the race for the playoffs. But when Mike Knuble scored in overtime to give the surging Capitals a 4-3 victory, it denied the Hawks a just-as-large second point.

"When we get that chance to get back in the game, there's no reason to be satisfied with one point," said Toews, who converted after Duncan Keith rifled a pass off the end boards that the Hawks' captain snuck

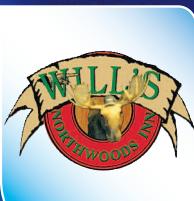
into the net while on the power play. "That's two overtime losses in the last couple of games. We can't be happy with just getting one point in each of those games. If you look at the games ahead and we keep getting to overtime, it doesn't do us any good."

The loss was the Hawks' third consecutive on their four-game trip, but with overtime defeats in Tampa Bay on Wednesday night and Washington, the Stanley Cup champions earned four of a possible eight points during the span.

The Hawks, who have 13 games remaining in the regular season, got a goal from Nick Leddy to open the scoring early in the contest and another from Tomas Kopecky in the second.

GAME PLANNER

Blackhawks vs. San Jose, 7 p.m. Vs.
Miami vs. San Antonio, 7 p.m. ESPN
WWE Monday Night Raw, 8 p.m. USA

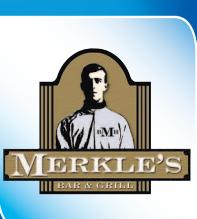


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Laugh Factory

what The L.A.-based stand-up superstore plans to open its third location, in Chicago, in addition to a Long Beach outpost. The comedy club will host both local and national comics, according to the Tribune. "Everybody likes to laugh, and the city of Chicago is going to be in for a big treat," said Maureen Martino, executive director of the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce. "I know that businesses are ecstatic for it to open."

where The Lakeshore Theater, 3175 N. Broadway, which closed in April 2010.

when LATE 2011

That's according to the Tribune. "I took a peek in there yesterday, and it's just about gutted out," Martino said. "We were thinking by the end of the year, but it looks like maybe late spring or early summer."

expect Traditional stand-up club setup of tables and chairs.

why After the Lakeshore Theater shut its doors, the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce worked with the building's landlord to keep the space as an entertainment venue, instead of being converted into offices for a dental spa. "We didn't want to lose that cultural institution," Martino said. "It's been really profitable for some of our businesses, everywhere from restaurants to parking lots and retail shopping. It's all affected by the people the theater brought in." After the chamber reached out to several comedy and movie venues, the landlord worked with a broker, and Laugh Factory signed the paperwork to take over the lease about a month ago, Martino said. Emily Meador, vice president of business development at Laugh Factory, declined comment.

Did you hear the one about the city's changing comedy club scene?

By Jessica Galliart

Turn that frown upside down—a few new comedy club projects are in the works that could collectively change the improv and sketch scenes in Chicago, as well as revive a somewhat deserted stand-up scene. Here's a look at what to expect from iO, The Second City and the Laugh Factory, each with plans to move, expand or build in the next year or two.

The Second City

what After the interactive, off-Broadway show "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" closed in late 2009 and vacated Piper's Alley, executives at The Second City began the moving-in process to create a new comedy cabaret club space that would house stand-up sets from national headlining comedians, new sketch and improv revues, and more of the same programming that the theater company has run out of space to house in its four theaters. Second City President Diana Martinez said there are also plans for children's shows on weekend afternoons. "There's not that many comedy clubs in downtown Chicago; there's an underserved market," Martinez said. "We know people like comedy and like to laugh. Chicago is kind of the heart of that."

where Fourth floor of Piper's Alley, 230 W. North Ave., just one escalator up from The Second City's e.t.c. theater and across the hall from the training center.

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expect A tables-and-chairs-style cabaret with a retro, gaslight feel. A full-service bar will serve guests at candlelit tables, surrounded by lots of reds and burgundies. Also, check out "booth No. 1," the preferred seat of celebrities such as Humphrey Bogart and Frank Sinatra, purchased from the now-defunct Pump Room at the Ambassador East Hotel. "It'll have a neat sense of arrival when you come," Martinez said. "I think you'll see the theater will feel less like a banquet hall and more like a sexy cabaret space."

why "The training center has grown, and we thought with everybody needing more space, it's perfect," Martinez said. "That space was available, and we started looking at opportunities. 'We should really do this,' we thought."

iO

what The iconic Wrigleyville improv theater is planning to vacate the neighborhood in search of a larger space to accommodate its growing demand for classes, training and, of course, some of the best improvisational shows in town. Charna Halpern, owner and director of iO, said a new space will enable her to expand staff, offer more programming—both more of the same classic shows such as "The Harold" and "The Armando Diaz Experience" and more experimental improv and sketch revues—and hold bigger classes. On her checklist of must-haves for the perfect venue: "A good neighborhood, plenty of parking, near an 'L' and big enough for a separate bar," she said.

where Halpern said although she hasn't selected the new space yet, she has her sights set on two or three places not too far from the theater's current location at 3541 N. Clark St. Aldermen Scott Waguespack (32nd), Gene Schulter (47th) and Vi Daley (43rd) have each talked with Halpern about moving in. But as of now, Halpern has narrowed her search from Irving Park Road to North Avenue, and from Ashland Avenue to Broadway.

when 2013

why "Right now we're busting at the seams. We turn people away at the door at night, and I cry [laughs]," Halpern said. Though the theater's lease doesn't expire until 2022, the construction of a new development at Addison and Clark streets will force the theater and other businesses out. "I don't want to leave Wrigleyville, but I will," she said. "As much as I'm mad, there's at least three times a week where I'm like, 'I can't wait to get out of this [bleeping] building.' We'd like walk-ins, and we can't take them. We don't have enough classroom space. My training center is in a closet, literally."

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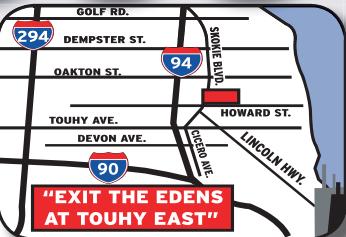
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Reality TV weighs in on big problem

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With CBS having washed its hands of "Two and a Half Men" star Charlie Sheen, the network has moved on to Plan B.

The episodes that were supposed to be getting made now will be replaced with extra episodes of other shows, including TV's top-rated new sitcom, "Mike & Molly," about an overweight couple in love.

Kind of perverse when you think about it: One show is penalized because Charlie Sheen desperately needs help with his problem. The other show is rewarded because both its stars aren't dealing with theirs.

This turn of events does neatly underscore a harsh truth about obesity in America.

Unlike Sheen, the vast majority of us do just fine without cocaine. (Only 1.5 percent of young adults reported using the drug in 2009, the lowest level in years.) But we all depend on food, and this, it seems, has muddled our view toward those who depend on it too much.

These days, that's most of us. More than half the country is overweight, and some 72 million Americans meet the definition of obesity. What's worse, the obesity rate keeps inching upward despite years of doctors' warnings and the media's growing attention to the problem.

There are, in fact, more TV shows about obesity than ever. Most are reality shows centered on weight loss. Four out of five doctors would approve, we're sure. Given the copycat nature of reality TV, it's not surprising that all these shows, to some degree, imitate the granddaddy and gold standard of weight-loss shows, NBC's "The Biggest Loser."



'Mike & Molly'
CBS

of their dream ceremony. MTV's "I Used to Be Fat" is done verite-style, like "Teen Mom" and "True Life." A&E's "Heavy" is "Hoarders" for the morbidly obese.

The fiercely committed trainer is a trope in all these shows. "Shedding," the most slavish of the "Biggest Loser" imitators, has two trainers obviously chosen for their ability to get on the contestants' nerves. One of them, a Brit named Nicky, sees one bride-to-be enjoying her workout and snarls, "I'll wipe that smile off."

"Heavy" is the show that comes the closest to equating food with any other substance that people abuse. The title speaks to its tone. And yet, it too is strangely unsatisfying, for the same reasons "Hoarders" is. The camera spends way too much time establishing that something is wrong here, without really dwelling on what.

"Heavy" is mostly about people using exercise equipment in much the same way that guests of the Spanish Inquisition once used the rack.

You'd never know from these shows that the role of intensive exercise in weight loss is actually controversial. Studies in peer-reviewed journals question whether a lifestyle full of little motions might not do a better job at curbing obesity. Yes, taking the stairs might be better than a StairMaster. That way, the metabolism doesn't get all fired up and demand a caloric reward.

Speaking of calories, menus definitely take a back seat to workouts in the editing of these shows. Perhaps that's because food remains such a personal choice, influenced by family, culture and—dare we say it?—one's private demons.

On this matter, the weight-loss shows fall largely silent.

WHERE TO WATCH

'Ruby'
Episodes air daily on Style

'Mike & Molly'
8:30 p.m. Mondays, CBS

'Heavy'
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'The Biggest Loser'
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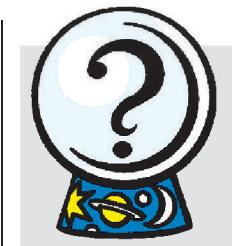
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Aries March 21-April 19

Mercury is helping you realize that you are a sex god or goddess. You're finding it easy to give your lover multiple orgasms. Meanwhile, a former flame and several new prospects are eager to see you.



Taurus April 20-May 20

You're suffering from constant cravings for someone who is out of your league. Mercury says do something about it.



Gemini May 21-June 21

Saturn is stirring up pesky problems. You're dealing with past due payments, legal issues or child custody arrangements. Meanwhile, all you want to do is have fun with your latest boy toy or girlfriend. Don't put off facing the inevitable.



Cancer June 22-July 22

You're experiencing resolution about a romantic matter that was driving you crazy. Your ex has decided that he doesn't want to get back together. Or that new flirtation has died out. The moon says focus on the future.



Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Jupiter is turning you into a total exhibitionist. You'll indulge in sweaty public displays of affection with your significant other. You'll leave the blinds wide open so neighbors can watch your lovemaking.



Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Mars is turning you into a lazy lump of lard. You don't want to do anything except hibernate. You expect your honey to wait on you. You realize that this isn't going to work for very long, don't you?



Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You are notorious for being in love with several people at once. You're just a genuine romantic who can see the beauty in multiple people. Jupiter is reminding you that other people tend to require commitments and promises, even if you don't.



Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 21

An emotional sun is turning you into a weepy, whiny mess. Just when everything was fine in your relationship, you're freaking out about something minor. Does it really matter?



Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Mercury is inspiring you to go crazy. You'll ask out that hot stranger you bump into on a train. Or you'll propose something sweaty to a friend at the office. Don't be surprised if your suggestions are met with a cold silence.



Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

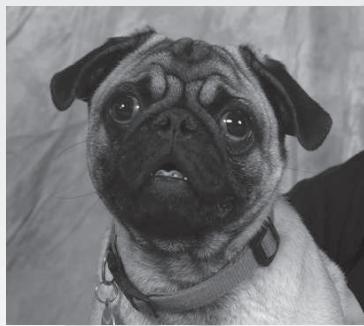
You're feeling prickly and sensitive, thanks to Mars. You'll take offense when your girlfriend wants to live in a bigger space. You'll freak out when your guy says he doesn't want kids. Take a deep breath. This isn't the end of everything.



Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

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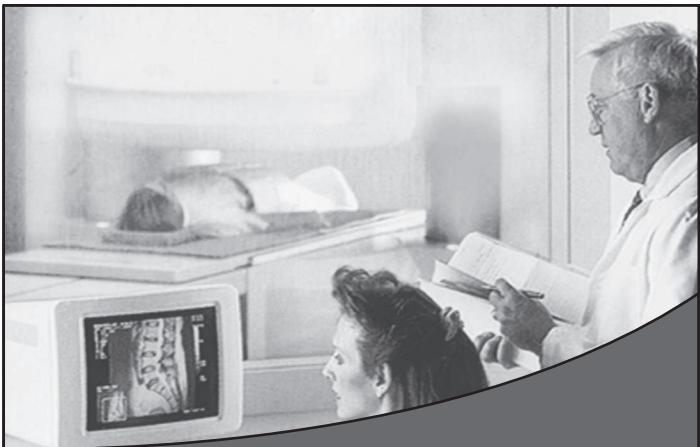
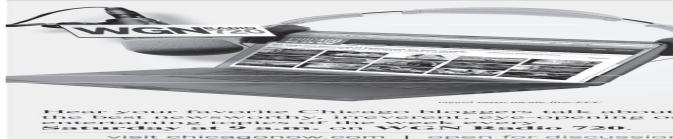
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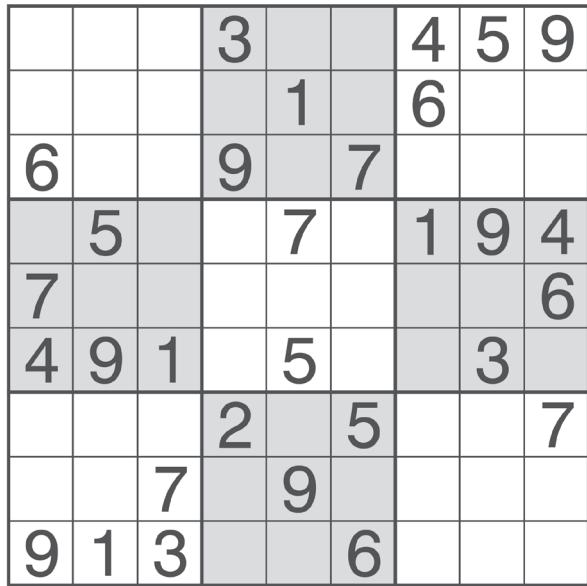


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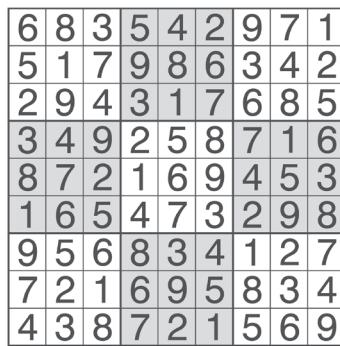
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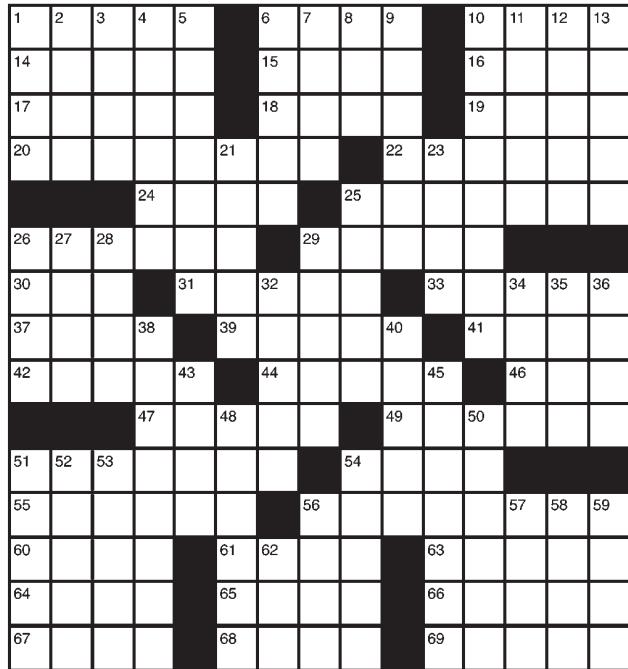


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- 1 Car accident
- 6 Lose one's footing
- 10 One of the 3 tenses
- 14 Biblical book
- 15 Sworn promise
- 16 Bullets
- 17 " is a terrible thing to waste"
- 18 Khrushchev's nation
- 19 Kitchen or den
- 20 Inhabitant
- 22 Shrewd
- 24 Place cargo on a truck or ship
- 25 Has high hopes
- 26 Nahuatl peoples
- 29 Drug addicts
- 30 Zodiac sign
- 31 over; faints
- 33 Conference; 1945 meeting of leaders
- 37 Horse's home
- 39 Chopped finely
- 41 AM/PM separator
- 42 " John B"; Beach Boys hit
- 44 Discourage
- 46 Word before wit or pick
- 47 Fertilizer ingredient
- 49 Charm hanging from a bracelet
- 51 Braggart
- 54 Ridicule; taunt
- 55 Plea
- 56 Violent display of emotion
- 60 Lima or pinto
- 61 Volcanic output
- 63 Angry
- 64 Blunders
- 65 Pitcher
- 66 aback; surprised
- 67 Tardy
- 68 Tear
- 69 Slumbered

DOWN

- 1 Sear; blacken
- 2 Italy's capital



3 Without any changes

4 Eroded to featureless plain

5 Cod variety

6 Noise

7 Go on and on

8 a boy!"

9 Idiom; expression

10 Loyal political

faction member

11 Love, in Paris

12 Struck hard

13 Heavy books

21 up; relaxed

23 Lively; agile

25 Valuable item

26 White garments for priests

27 Ardor

28 Spanish bull

29 Stomach woe

32 Sea duck with fine, soft down

34 time, no see!"

35 Work hard

36 Opening bet

38 Foolishness

40 Left-hand

ledger entry

43 Pocket bread

45 Bunnies

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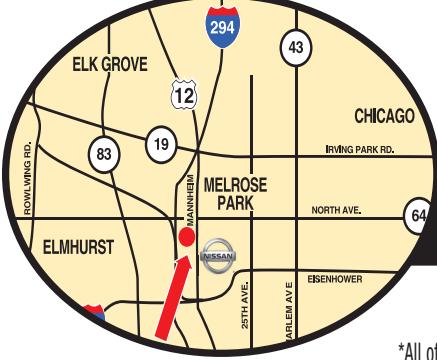
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Director James Wan (left) and actor/writer Leigh Whannell weave a complicated ghost story with "Insidious." **ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE**



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Want to know something really scary? Horror ideas inspired by real life

What did James Wan, the co-creator of "Saw" and director of the upcoming supernatural film "Insidious," do when he woke up in his New York City hotel room three years ago and saw what he believed to be the ghost of a little girl?

Exactly what most people would do in that situation.

"I screamed like a baby and turned the lights on," recalled Wan, sitting alongside "Saw" and "Insidious" actor and screenwriter Leigh Whannell at their downtown Chicago hotel Tuesday. "I'm such a [bleep]."

Wan and Whannell have been known to re-create ghost stories they've heard from friends and family in their movies (Whannell said the "Insidious" scene involving a ghost pacing back and forth outside a window was described to him by a friend), but they've never used Wan's alleged New York City encounter on film.

"It's the traditional 'wake up and see a ghost standing there' story," Wan, who prides himself on doing what hasn't

already been done in horror films, said about the encounter. That's why he and Whannell were quick to point out the differences between their new movie, which hits theaters April 1, and the popular "Paranormal Activity" films, which share the same producers.

"The only similarity is that it involves a ghost in the house," Whannell said. "[Insidious] starts as a haunted house film and turns into something else."

In the film, a young couple and their three children—one of whom appears to be in a coma—are terrorized by ghosts and a Darth Maul-looking demon.

"The second part of the movie has an element we haven't really seen in horror movies before," Wan said. "The haunted house genre has been done to death. If you can't bring something new to it, why do it?"

For more Luis, go to chicagotribune.com/luis.



SIGHTINGS

» LeAnn Rimes and fiance Eddie Cibrian (above) were spotted at Lux Bar on Sunday. Cibrian is in Chicago to film a "Playboy" pilot based on the Playboy club. Fellow cast members Amber Heard and Jenna Dewan dined at Sunda on Thursday. The Bulls' Luol Deng dined at Sunda on Friday. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**

» "Gossip Girl's" Taylor Momsen had lunch at Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse in the Gold Coast on Thursday.

» The Bulls' Joakim Noah was at Lux Bar on Friday and at Japonais with Dennis Rodman on Saturday.

» The Bulls' Carlos Boozer, Luol Deng, Taj Gibson and Ronnie Brewer hung out at District following their win over the New Orleans Hornets on March 7.

» Kevin Smith dined at Ditka's in the Gold Coast on Tuesday while in town to screen his newest film, "Red State," at the Harris Theater.

» Food Network star and "Minute to Win It" host Guy Fieri had dinner at Japonais on March 6.

» "Saturday Night Live" alum Tim Meadows and his kids bowled at Lucky Strike Lanes in Streeterville on March 4 and 6. The Boston Celtics' Jermaine O'Neal also bowled at Lucky Strike on March 6.

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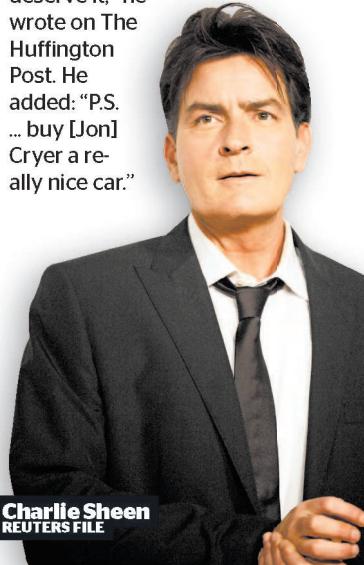
Hungry, hungry Jen

"Winter's Bone" star Jennifer Lawrence could have a higher-profile movie on her hands: She's reportedly the front-runner to play the hero Katniss in "The Hunger Games" movie, according to **variety.com**. Based on the best-selling books, the movie is set to begin production this year. So which hottie guy will play Peeta?



Sheen machine

Chicago loves Charlie Sheen. The *Tiger Blooded* One's "My Violent Torpedo of Truth/Defeat is Not An Option Show" scheduled for April 3 at The Chicago Theatre sold out Saturday in minutes. But before Sheen takes his act on the road, Alec Baldwin has some advice. "Take a nap. Get a shower. ... And then beg for your job back. Your fans deserve it," he wrote on The Huffington Post. He added: "P.S. ... buy [Jon] Cryer a really nice car."



Charlie Sheen
REUTERS FILE

Biel steps out

Venturing out on the town for the first time since her single status was made official, Jessica Biel was all smiles in L.A. Biel, whose split with boyfriend Justin Timberlake was reported Friday, beamed to photographers as she left late-night diner Cafe Entourage early Sunday morning, **people.com** reports. Your move, JT.

THE DIGIT

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Take that, aliens. That's the estimated amount "Battle: Los Angeles" earned in its debut weekend to grab the No. 1 spot at the box office, according to Reuters.

'Mad Men' meets Chicago

Eddie Cibrian is set to make Chicago sexy. The former "Third Watch" star—and fiance of LeAnn Rimes—will star in the NBC pilot "Playboy," **deadline.com** reports. The show, which the site reports will start filming Tuesday in the Windy City, centers on the Chicago Playboy club, an exclusive social and dining club, during the 1960s. A sexy 1960s Chicago? Yes, please!



Eddie Cibrian and LeAnn Rimes
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